Operations by private airlines

1359. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister
of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private airlines, which have sought Government's approval to start operations in the domestic aviation industry; and

(b) the action taken to consider their proposals early and issue "No Objection Certificates"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Consideration of proposals for private airlines for grant of "No Objection Certificate" to start air operations is an ongoing process. At present proposal of 4 private airlines to start non-scheduled air services and 2 private airlines to start scheduled air services are under process.in this Ministry.

Airports in Gujarat

1360. SHR! BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various political organisations and public representatives of Gujarat have made requests to Government for setting up more airports in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, proposals have been received by the Government for setting up more airports in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Merger of Al and IA

†l 361. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to merge Air India and Indian Airlines;

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†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.